students have offered Humanities stream in class XI in Kendriya Vidyalaya, Moscow this year and as such, for teaching of History, Geography and Economics, one post each of Post Graduate. Teacher in these subjects will continue to remain in the Vidyalaya.

Increase in the Pollution Level as in Rivers in Uttar Pradesh

109. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) has cautioned the State Government about the extreme pollution of the waters of Ganga, Yamuna, Gomti and Varuna; if so, what are the steps taken to control pollution in these rivers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that pollution has reached its maximum in Kanpur, paritcularly at Guptar Ghat, Jajimon etc. if so, what steps are being taken to control bacteria contaminetion beyond permissible levels; and

(c) whether Pollution of Gomti at Lucknow is spreading diseases like Jaundice, Influenza, Gasteroenteritis, etc. if so, the corrective steps taken/ proposed?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board is regularly reporting to the State Government the water quality status of the Ganga and its tributaries such as the Yamuna and the Gomti. The steps taken to control pollution in these rivers include.

(i) Execution of schemes for interception and diversion of sewage and its treatment in sewage treatment plants before discharge into the rivers.

(ii) Treatment of effluents by major water polluting industries to prescribed standards before discharge into rivers.

(iii) Legal acion against the major defaulters.

(iv) Construction of a Combined Exuent Treatment Plant at Jajmau for treating effluents from clusters of tanneries.

(b) No, Sir. The pollution level of the Ganga at Kanjur, particularly at Guptar Ghat and at Jajmau, has improved as compared to the levels in 1987.

(c) No such report has been received.

Global Warming

110. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of impending danger of Global warming to our Health as brought out by the noted writer Shri A. T. Dudani in the April, 1990 issue of "Health for Millions";

(b) if so, what concrete plans, strategies Government have in mind to meet the situation; and

(c) whether a Task Force will be set up to monitor and evaluate developments and advise the Government with the involvement of Scientists and other Voluntary Health Groups and involved persons?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTARY): (a) Government are aware of the article by Shri A. T. Dudani regarding impending danger of Global Warming to human health.

(b) and (c) There is considerable scientific uncertainty about the causes, pace and impact of Global Warming and Climate Change. Government have set up an Expert Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of the

Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research to advise the Government on all aspects relating to Global Warming in the Indian, regional and global context, assist in the promotion and coordination of multi-institutional and multi-disciplinery studies in the area and to assess and monitor research projects in the relevant areas. The Committee consists of eminent scientists from various fields and senior Government officials.

Rivers Identified for clearance from Pollution

111. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the rivers in the country which have been identified for clearance from pollution during the last six months; and

(b) by when the work for clearing them will start?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The polluted stretches of rivers that have been identified during the last six months for cleaning and restoration of water quality include. Sabarmati, Subarnarekha, Godavari, Krishna, Indus, Sutlej, Yamuna, Hindon, Chambal, Damodar, Gomti and Kali.

(b) Action for prevention and control of pollution has been initiated by the State Pollution Control Boards.

Cooperation of villagers around forests to development forests

'112. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek cooperation of villagers living around forests in order to develop forests, check illegal grazing of cattle by meeting their needs for fuel and grazing fields;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Guidelines have been issued by the Central Government to State Governments for involvement of village communities and voluntary agencies for regeneration of degraded forest lands.

(b) and (c) Details of the guidelines are given in the statement.

Statement

Guidelines issued to State Governments for involvement of village communities and voluntary agencies for regeneration of degraded forest lands

(i) The programme should be implemented under an arrangement between the Voluntary Agency/NGO, the village community (beneficiaries) and the State Forest Department.

(ii) No ownership or lease rights over the forest land should be given to the beneficiaries or to the Voluntary Agency/NGO. Nor should the forest land be assigned in contravention of the provisions contained in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(iii) The beneficiaries should be entitled to a share in usufructs to the extent and subject to the conditions prescribed by the State Government in this behalf. The Voluntary Agency INGO. Nor should the entitled to usufructory benefits.

(iv) Access to forest land and usufructory benefits should be only to the beneficiaries who get organised into a village institution.